

St. JOHN, DECEMBER 27.

In our last paper we gave the Message of the PRESIDENT of the United States to Congress, in which our readers will observe that he announces the decision of the Commissioners under the 4th article of the Treaty of Ghent, "to whom" he says, it was referred to decide to which party the several Islands in the Bay of Passamaquoddy belong, "longed under the Treaty of one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three." In this statement of the PRESIDENT there is a singular omission. For in the fourth article of the Treaty the claims of both nations are expressly asserted to "the Island of Grand Menan in the Bay of Fundy," as well as to "the several Islands in the Bay of Passamaquoddy, which is part of the Bay of Fundy,"—and both of these claims were therein referred to the Commissioners for their decision. It is also a matter of notoriety that the Island of Grand Menan was made a primary object of claim on the part of the United States throughout the discussion before the Commissioners; and it is now equally well known that by the decision of the Commissioners executed at New-York on the 24th November last, Moose, Dudley, and Frederick Islands in the Bay of Passamaquoddy are declared to belong to the United States, and all the other Islands in the Bay of Passamaquoddy, and the Island of Grand Menan in the Bay of Fundy are declared to belong to Great Britain, in conformity with the true intent of the treaty of 1783. It is therefore not a little singular that the PRESIDENT of the United States should have altogether omitted to take notice either of the Island of Grand Menan or the Bay of Fundy in his official communication to Congress. Whether this omission is to be accounted for by any regrets in his mind at the relinquishment by this amicable decision of the Commissioners, of all claim on the part of the United States to this most valuable and important Island, which had been so strenuously contended for by Mr. MONROE, as one of the Ministers of the United States in London in the year 1806, in the negotiation respecting Boundaries which then took place, we will not pretend to determine; but we think it a matter of real congratulation to His MAJESTY'S subjects in these Provinces, that the British right is now irrevocably established to this Island which besides its importance as a station for the fisheries and in many other points of view, is undoubtedly the Key to the Navigation of the Bay of Fundy, and on that account alone, a national object of great moment.

**Distressing Accident!**—On Thursday morning last, a passage Boat which usually plied between St. Andrews and Moose Island, a few minutes after leaving the latter place, filled, by getting into a whirlpool near Dog-Island, and all on board were drowned viz. Mr. Henry Hall, merchant, of Moose Island; Mr. James Stewart, do. of Saint Stephens; Mr. George Veith, in charge of the Commissariat at Saint Andrews, and son of Depy, Assit. Com. Gen. Veith of Halifax; Capt. Hows, and a Mr. Bateman, owners of the boat; a Man from Kennebeck, and a sailor, names unknown.—No further particulars have reached us respecting this truly melancholy event.

Mr. William Hayter, aged 27 years, was unfortunately drowned yesterday morning, in attempting to cross the Long Reach on the ice. His body has not yet been found.

We are sorry to state that during the late violent rains last week, at Quaco, the Grist and Saw-Mills, and Dwelling-House of Mr. DAVID VAUGHAN, of that place, were carried away by the Freshet.—This accident may be considered very unfortunate for the Inhabitants of Saint Martin's, as well as a great loss to Mr. Vaughan, it being the only Grist-Mill in that vicinity.—*City Gaz.*

"The breast which happiness bestows,  
Reflected happiness shall be."  
The unexampled distress which the inhabitants of St. John's, N. F. must experience, from the late desolating fires, that have destroyed nearly one half of the town, and the principal stock of provisions which a provident care had stored up for the winter, would seem to call loudly for immediate and extensive relief. Private benefactions we have no doubt will be liberally made; but an occurrence of such great and singular calamity, should demand a more public be-

stowment of favors; and we hope Congress will pass an immediate act, authorizing the loading and despatching of two or three vessels with provisions, for aiding the charity of individuals, in relieving the distresses of these unfortunate persons.—Assistance from England cannot be sent in season, to afford the necessary succour.—*Boston Commercial Gazette.*

#### FREDERICTON, (N.B.)

6TH JANUARY, 1818.

Among the latest advices from St. John, we are glad to find that the sum of £360 12 8 has been already subscribed by a part of the Inhabitants of that place, towards relieving the necessities of the most destitute of the sufferers by the late fires in St. John's Newfoundland.

**\*\* The next Assembly to be held on Monday the 12th day of January instant.**

A New York paper of Dec. 8, mentions the loss of a British sloop of war on the Island of Tristan di Cunha Sept. 20; when the whole of the officers and crew perished, with the exception of the Captain and two men. *H. Chron.*

A brig is said to have been lately wrecked on the Ragged Island, near Shelburne; and a schooner on a ledge near Liverpool. *id.*

TRINIDAD, Port-Spain, Nov. 15. By a passenger in the *Atalanta*, we are informed that out of 44 vessels driven to sea from St. Pierres, Martinique, on the 21st ult. only four had returned.

The Baltimore Federal Gazette states, that the Steam-Boat *Virginia* on Monday, towed the U. S. Frigate *Congress*, from Craney Island into Hampton Roads, ten miles, at the rate of four knots, against a strong breeze and tide.

Halifax, Dec. 29.

A Letter from a Gentleman in Boston to his Friend in this Town, states, that a Subscription had been opened in that place for the relief of the sufferers by the late Fires at St. John's, Newfoundland; and that the sums against the seven first names amounted to *One Thousand Dollars*; that a large sum, it was expected, would be raised, and invested in Flour, Bread, &c. which would be forwarded to them direct.

The benevolence of the Boston people will be amply rewarded by the prayers and heartfelt gratitude of a suffering community.

St. John, Dec. 20.

Arrived, Sch'r Industry, Reynard, Bahamas, salt, to James Cudlip.

Cleared, Ships, Paris, Harrison, Liverpool—E. Barlow. Gilbert Henderson, Stenhouse, Liverpool—Wm. Donaldson, Marian, M'Farlane, Greenock—W. Barr, Jun. & Co.

Brigs, Squirrel, Mason, Demerara—E. Barlow. Anglim, Halifax, Cork—James Robertson. Despatch, Faulke, Barbados—T. Hanford.

Sch'r's, *Minerva*, Hudson, Demerara—Wm. Paigan & Co. George, James, Boston—Master.

December 27.

Arrived, Brig *Comet*, Bell, Cork, via Halifax, soap, &c. to Wm. Barr, Jun. & Co.

Sch'r James, McDormond, Halifax, to the master.

Cleared, Ships *Achilles*, W. H. Shaw, London—Thomas Smith. *Juliana*, Webber, London—Thos. Smith. *Barrett*, Garniss, Liverpool—John M. Wilmot. *Mary Ann*, Jackson, London—R. H. Hamilton.

Brigs, Juno, Henderson, Aberdeen—Wm. Black. Clyde, M'Lachlan, Greenock—Robert Robertson. *Antelope*, I. Garrison, Tobago—G. & C. Raymond.

MARRIED] At Annapolis Royal, on the 18th inst. by the Rev. JOHN MILLIDGE, Mr. HUGH CHRISHOLM, Merchant, to Miss MARY-ELIZA WILLIAMS, third daughter of the late *Thomas Williams*, Esq. of that place.

MARRIED] At Fort Lawrence, on the 9th inst. Mr. MICHAEL GORDON, jun. of the Commissariat, to JANE, second daughter of Thos. Roach, Esq. Cumberland.

DIED] At St. Lucia, in consequence of wounds and contusions received during the hurricane Oct. 21, Major General RICHARD AUGUSTUS SEYMOUR, Governor of that Island. Previous to his death his Excellency signed a proclamation for opening the port for the importation of Provisions, &c.

At Saint Stephens, New-Brunswick, on the 4th inst. after a short illness, Captain NATHAN FRINK, aged 62 years, Captain F. was formerly a Captain of Cavalry in the Army, and Aide-de-Camp to General Arnold.

COMMISSARIAT-OFFICE,  
FREDERICTON, 6th January, 1818

## WOOD.

WANTED for the use of His Majesty's Troops &c. in this Garrison, ONE THOUSAND CORDS, (more or less, as from the increase or decrease of the Garrison may be found necessary) of Mercantable HARD WOOD, to consist of *RICK MAPLE, BLACK & YELLOW BIRCH and BEECH*, to be delivered into His Majesty's Fuel Yard at this Post, in such quantities as shall be required by the Officer in charge. The WOOD to be properly inspected and measured by a person duly sworn for that purpose, at the expense of the Contractor, and the whole to be completed by the 1st day of April, 1818.

Sealed proposals for supplying the above will be received at this Office until the 19th instant, when the lowest offer, if approved of, will be accepted.

Payment to be made upon delivery of every FIVE HUNDRED CORDS, in CASH or BILLS OF EXCHANGE at the current rate, at the option of the Officer in charge of the Commissariat at Saint John.

Unexceptionable security will be required for the due performance of such Contract as may be entered into.

W. PLANT,  
Dy. Asst. Commissary General.

### Ezekiel Slood,

REQUESTS all those indebted to him to the 1st July instant, to call and settle, and PAY without further notice.  
Fredericton, 22d July, 1817.

## New Goods.

### Ezekiel Slood & Co.

HAS just received per *Minerva* from London, part of their Spring supply of MERCHANDIZE, which they offer for Sale very low for Cash or good Bills of Exchange. They expect, daily, the remainder of their assortment from Liverpool.  
Fredericton, 22d July, 1817.

### P. FRASER,

HAS just imported in the Ship *Benedict* from Glasgow, a general assortment of DRY GOODS and Groceries; suitable for the season; all of which will be sold unusually low for Cash, Furs, or Bills of Exchange.  
Fredericton, 17th June, 1817.

### G. Rossiter,

CABINET-MAKER AND UPHOLSTERER.

BEGS leave to inform the Public that he has taken a Shop in *Union Street*, where he carries on the Cabinet and Upholstering business, and where Cabinet Ware of all kinds may be had on the shortest notice and on the most reasonable terms.

Having furnished himself with a stock of well-seasoned Birch and Mahogany boards of an excellent quality, he flatters himself that he will be enabled to give satisfaction to all who may favour him with their patronage.

Orders from the Country attended to with punctuality and dispatch, and every favour gratefully acknowledged.  
Fredericton, 30th Sept. 1817.

### A. Hagget,

WINDSOR and FANCY CHAIR MAKER,

BEGS leave to inform the Public, that he has taken a Shop in *Union Street*, where may be had at the shortest notice and on the most reasonable terms, all kinds of fashionable Windsor and Fancy Chairs.

All orders from the Country attended to with punctuality and dispatch.  
Fredericton, 30th Sept. 1817.

BALTIMORE, DEC. 25.

CAPTURE OF THE "PATRIOT" MINA.  
Captain Clackner, from Havana, has furnished us (Patriot office) with the following interesting information received from Vera Cruz.

Translation from the Mexico Gazette Extraordinary.

The Viceroy Don de Apodaca, has received by express the following despatch:  
MOST EXCELLENT SIR—Long live the King.—The Commandant of *Sila*, under date of the 27th October, writes me as follows:—

ESTERMED SIR—At last we have obtained the fruit of our labours—Mina has been taken alive and is now entering this place. They also bring the head of Moreno—they have taken the two other Herreiras, a Frenchman and other officers of their infantry. We killed several when we attacked them, which was by surprise. All this has been achieved by Senor Ocranio, who left here at 10 o'clock at night with cavalry for el Baradito, near la Hachiqueza; which news was so interesting, I communicate for the satisfaction of your Excellency, &c.—God preserve your Excellency many years.

### JUAN DE PERGUERA.

Irapuato, Oct. 28, 1817, 2 A. M.

LONDON, OCT. 24.

SPAIN AND PORTUGAL.

For two or three days there have been reports of an impending war between Spain and Portugal: and the capture of Monte Vided, by the troops of the latter, is assigned as the cause. These apprehensions have now vanished; and we (*Courier*) are authorized to state, that both of those governments have agreed to accept the mediation of the five Great Powers; and we may, therefore, look with confidence to the speedy and amicable termination of all those differences which were tending to disunite the Crowns of Spain and Portugal.

DEY OF ALGIERS.

Letters from Algiers to the 16th Sept. confirm the news of the assassination of the gallant Dey, Omah Pacha, on the 2d of that month, by 600 Janissaries. Turkish soldiers; and the proclamation of a new Dey, Aly Hadja, immediately after. The murdered Dey exhibited great courage, and defended his life to the last gasp.

NOTICE.

THE Co-partnership of FRASER, DONALDSON, & Co. dissolves on the 31st DECEMBER next, by mutual consent: Those having any demands against said Co-partnership, will please present the same for payment, previous to the above date; and all persons indebted to said Firm, are desired to pay their respective accounts immediately to JAMES FRASER, or JAMES GRIGOR, Jun. who are duly authorized to receive the same.

JAMES FRASER,

L. DONALDSON,

JAMES GRIGOR, Jun.

Fredericton, (New-Brunswick)

25th November, 1817.

P. S. The Subscriber being very desirous of preventing his old Friends and Customers incurring unnecessary cost, requests them to attend to the above notice, previous to the 1st January next, as after that date, all unsettled Accounts, will be put into the hands of an Attorney to collect.

JAMES FRASER.

### JEDEDIAH SLASON

Has just received by the Brig *CHARLOTTE* from Liverpool, and the *JOHN & MARY* from London, the remainder of his SPRING supply of

## GOODS,

Among which are the following articles:—  
**SOAP**, Candles, Loaf Sugar,  
Port, Sherry and Lisbon Wines,  
Geneva, Cogniac Brandy,  
Best London Porter,  
A few Boxes Bloom Raisins, &c. &c.

ALL those indebted to J. S. up to the first of January last, are earnestly requested to call and settle their accounts without delay, otherwise they will put in the hands of an Attorney to collect.

FREDERICTON, 8th July, 1817.